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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SPRING TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial spring troll fishery:

The spring troll areas and Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) listed below **will remain open until further notice:**

Ketchikan (101-29)	West Behm Canal (101-90)	Neets Bay THA (101-95)
Clarence Strait (106-20)	Steamer Point (106-30)	Ernest Sound (107-10)
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	Port Armstrong THA (109-11)	Frederick Sound (110-31)
Chatham Strait (112-12)	Hidden Falls THA (112-22)	Sitka Sound (113-41)

The spring troll areas listed below will be open according to the following schedule. All areas will open at 12:01 a.m. of the opening date and close at 11:59 p.m. of the closing date. The openings may be extended if Alaska hatchery contributions are high and would be announced in a future news release.

Ketchikan Areas:

West Rock (101-21)	June 24-30
Point Alava (101-41)	June 24-30
Kendrick Bay (102-10)	June 24-30

Petersburg/Wrangell areas:

Sumner Strait (105-41)	June 24-27
Snow Pass (106-41)	June 24-30
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	June 25-30
Baht Harbor (108-30)	June 25-27
Craig Point (108-40)	CLOSED

Chatham Strait areas:

Little Port Walter (109-10)	June 23-30	
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)	June 25-27*	may be extended pending data results

Sitka area:

Western Channel (113-01)	June 25-30
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	June 25-26
Biorka Island (113-31)	CLOSED
Goddard (113-32)	June 23-30
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	June 25-30

North Chatham Strait, Icy Strait and Pelican areas:

The following areas will open June 24-30:

Hawk Inlet (112-65)

Stag Bay (113-97)

Cross Sound (114-21)

South Passage (114-23)

Homesore (114-25)

Point Sophia (114-27)

Lisianski Inlet (113-95)

Port Althorp (114-50)

CLOSED WATERS IN SILVER BAY/BEAR COVE:

Within the Sitka Sound area (113-41), the waters of Bear Cove east of a line between the outer ADF&G Regulatory markers are closed until further notice. These waters are closed to protect Chinook salmon brood stock and to prevent damage to fish holding pens.

SPRING TROLL CHUM AND CHINOOK SALMON CATCH REPORTING

It is extremely important to keep fish caught in different fishery areas separated so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel. In order to maximize and document the harvest of Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook and chum salmon in the spring fisheries, catches must be reported accurately. If more than one area or fishery is fished, or fish are kept for more than one period, **trollers and tender operators are required to keep fish separated by area until offloaded to a shore-based processor, and report these catches separately on separate fish tickets (5AAC 29.130)**. The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets, as well as dates that the fishing trip started and ended.

The department requests that FAS (Frozen At Sea) vessels deliver all Chinook salmon to tenders or shore-based processors in head-on, fresh/iced condition, unless an exemption permit has been issued for that area.

All fish legally retained in the commercial salmon troll fishery, whether for sale or retained for **personal use** (condition code 95) **must be recorded on a fish ticket**.

SUMMER TROLL CATCHER-PROCESSOR EXEMPTION PERMIT

Catcher-processors intending to freeze their catch onboard during the summer troll fishery must obtain an **Exemption Permit** from the Department in order to legally remove the heads from adipose fin-clipped salmon [5AAC 29.145(c)]. The permit is available at area offices and on the troll fishery website.

Catcher-processor vessel owners (FAS) are reminded to complete and submit a **separate fish ticket for each week** (Sunday through Saturday) and are encouraged to contact the troll managers periodically with catch information. Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within seven days after the fish are offloaded from the vessel. Permits for exemption from 5 AAC 29.140(b) are available at all Southeast Area Offices as well as on the troll fishery website.

NEW REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES:

During the 2012 Board of Fisheries (BOF) meeting, new troll regulations were adopted. Effective July 1, the department will implement new summer troll regulations involving time and area by Emergency Order authority. **All new regulations will be effective on July 13**. Details were given in the Summer Troll News Release issued June 22.

CODED-WIRE-TAGGED FISH

The heads of all adipose fin-clipped salmon must remain attached to the fish until the fish are sold [5 AAC 29.140 (b)]. Permit holders who freeze their catch onboard are asked to contact the department prior to fishing so that sampling and fish ticket issues can be discussed. An Exemption Permit is required to allow the removal of heads from Chinook salmon harvested in the spring areas prior to delivery.

The **2012 Spring Troll Management Plan, which includes maps** of the spring areas, is available at all regional ADF&G offices and is on the troll fishery website at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaseast.salmon_managementplans.

2012 Spring and Directed Troll Preliminary Chinook Harvest and Effort				
Spring Troll Area	<i>Current Week (sw 25)</i>		<i>Cumulative</i>	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
West Rock (101-21)	*	*	8	54
Ketchikan (101-29)	34	425	210	1,973
Point Alava (101-41)			*	*
West Behm Canal (101-90)	*	*	7	59
Kendrick Bay (102-10)			28	561
Sumner Strait (105-41)	*	*	58	300
Clarence Strait (106-20)			*	*
Steamer Point (106-30)	9	161	25	369
Snow Pass (106-41)			7	45
Ernest Sound (107-10)	*	*	34	426
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	5	34	48	312
Baht Harbor (108-30)	6	39	24	109
Craig Point (108-40)	*	*	4	9
District 8 (Directed Fishery)			64	237
Little Port Walter (109-10)**			68	775
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)**	*	*	159	3,130
Frederick Sound (110-31)	*	*	47	286
District 11 (Directed Fishery)			*	*
Chatham Strait (112-12)**	4	47	93	983
Hawk Inlet (112-65)	*	*	6	70
Western Channel (113-01)	18	155	105	993
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	11	105	101	867
Biorka Island (113-31)			117	1,546
Goddard (113-32)	*	*	10	61
Sitka Sound (113-41)	87	960	453	3,994
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	*	*	28	300
Lisianski Inlet (113-95)			14	55
Stag Bay (113-97)			10	84
Cross Sound (114-21)			14	113
South Passage (114-23)	*	*	8	29
Homesore (114-25)	9	6	59	147
Point Sophia (114-27)			12	22
Port Althorp (114-50)			32	216
Totals for Region	197	2,085	1,859	18,140
*Data is confidential when harvest for fewer than 3 permits is reported				
**Weekly landing and harvest data delayed, tender deliveries still pending.				

The emergency orders corresponding with this announcement are 1S2512.

The troll fishery website can be found at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon>.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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